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Miss Sue Linner Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 4241 State Office Bldg. Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Miss Linner:

Getty Minerals Company is currently completing the construction of the Mercur Mine, an open-pit gold mine and mill located in Mercur Canyon. As part of its general preparations to commence operation of this facility Getty is presently formulating various policies and procedures to be followed by all mine-site personnel. In recognition of corporate environmental policy and in following its intent to responsibly manage the surface resources as well as the mineral resources of the Mercur Mine properties, the senior staff of the Mercur Mine has adopted a wildlife impact mitigation policy.

The enclosed Wildlife Impact Mitigation Plan has been prepared by Getty with input from its wildlife consultants. The plan has been reviewed and approved by the mine management and is now ready for public review and comment. We are requesting your comments on this document as we fully intend to administer this plan in a cooperative manner with your office.

Some mitigation measures have already been taken. As you know, we have erected two raptor nesting platforms and plan to construct another one this summer. However, many mitigation measures proposed in this plan have yet to be completed and your input will be helpful in designing the most effective measures possible within our operational and financial constraints.

Please direct your written comments to me and call me if you have any questions.

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